

**New Hampshire NRCS Guidance
for
Classification of Conservation Practice
Effects on Cultural Resources**

The following listing of conservation practices indicates the potential of each practice to adversely effect historic properties (cultural resources that are considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places) if any are present in the area of potential effect. Detailed definitions for the three classification categories are as follows:

G Ground Disturbing
PG Potentially Ground Disturbing
NG Not Ground Disturbing

A. Conservation Practices Considered as Undertakings by NRCS (G)

Some conservation practices have a high potential to affect cultural resources when installed according to standard NRCS criteria. Such practices are considered undertakings when disturbance below the plow layer is anticipated. These practices require a cultural resources review.

Code	Practice Name	Rating
560*	Access Road	G
596	Agrichemical Handling Facility	G
397	Aquaculture Ponds	G
310	Bedding	G
584*	Channel Stabilization	G
656*	Constructed Wetlands	G
402	Dam	G
348	Dams, Diversion	G
324	Deep Tillage	G
356	Dike	G
362*	Diversion	G
432*	Dry Hydrant	G
394	Firebreak	G
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	G
412*	Grassed Waterway	G
561*	Heavy Use Area Protection	G
423	Hillside Ditch	G
436	Irrigation Storage Reservoir	G
430	Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline	G
453	Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment	G
543	Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land	G
544	Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land	G

A. Conservation Practices Considered as Undertakings by NRCS (Cont'd)

Code	Practice Name	Rating
466	Land Smoothing	G
468*	Lined Waterway or Outlet	G
634*	Manure Transfer	G
482	Mole Drain	G
500*	Obstruction Removal	G
582	Open Channel	G
516*	Pipeline	G
378*	Pond	G
566	Recreation Land Grading & Shaping	G
568	Recreation Trail & Walkway	G
350*	Sediment Basin	G
646	Shallow Water Management for Wildlife	G
574*	Spring Development	G
587*	Structure for Water Control	G
606*	Subsurface Drain	G
607	Surface Drainage, Field Ditch	G
608	Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral	G
600	Terrace	G
620*	Underground Outlet	G
630	Vertical Drain	G
313*	Waste Storage Facility	G
359*	Waste Treatment Lagoon	G
638*	Water and Sediment Control Basin	G
614*	Watering Facility	G
642	Water Well	G

B. Conservation Practices Considered as Undertakings Except When Nonintrusive (PG)

Some conservation practices may or may not affect cultural resources, depending on how they are installed. These practices should be considered to have no potential to disturb cultural resources if the following two conditions apply. First, the installation of the practice will not exceed the depth, extent, or kind of previous cultivation. Second, if the land has not been previously cultivated and the installation of the practice will result in no ground disturbance. If these situations apply, no further resources considerations are required.

Code	Practice Name	Rating
316	Animal Mortality Facility	PG
575*	Animal Trails and Walkways	PG
314*	Brush Management	PG
322	Channel Bank Vegetation	PG
326	Clearing and Snagging	PG
317*	Compost Facility	PG
342*	Critical Area Planting	PG
647*	Early Successional Habitat Development Mgt	PG
382*	Fence	PG
393*	Filter Strip	PG
396	Fish Passage	PG
398	Fish Raceway or Tank	PG
399	Fishpond Management	PG
490	Forest Site Preparation	PG
655*	Forest Trails and Landings	NG
460	Land Clearing	PG
521	Pond Sealing	PG
532	Pumped Well Drain	PG
533	Pumping Plant	PG
562	Recreation Area Improvement	PG
643	Restoration & Management - Declining Habitat	PG
391	Riparian Forest Buffer	PG
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	PG
558*	Roof Runoff Structure	PG
570*	Runoff Management System	PG
395	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management	PG
580*	Streambank and Shoreline Protection	PG
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment	PG
645*	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	PG
658**	Wetland Creation	PG
659**	Wetland Enhancement	PG

Code	Practice Name	Rating
657**	Wetland Restoration	PG
644**	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	PG
648	Wildlife Watering Facility	PG
650	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	PG

C. Conservation Practices Not Considered Undertakings (NG).

Some conservation practices are primarily management related and will not have any physical effects or alteration to a cultural resource. Some of these practices are not just benign, but provide beneficial effects by affecting soil or cover stability. Such practices do not require cultural resources considerations.

Code	Practice Name	Rating
360	Closure of Waste Impoundments	NG
327	Conservation Cover	NG
328*	Conservation Crop Rotation	NG
332	Contour Buffer Strips	NG
330	Contour Farming	NG
331	Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area	NG
340*	Cover Crop	NG
589	Cross Wind Ridges & Trap Strips	NG
554	Drainage Water Management	NG
386	Field Border	NG
511	Forage Harvest Management	NG
666*	Forest Stand Improvement	NG
422	Hedgerow Planting	NG
603	Herbaceous Wind Barriers	NG
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation	NG
442	Irrigation System, Sprinkler	NG
449*	Irrigation Water Management	NG
484	Mulching	NG
590*	Nutrient Management	NG
512*	Pasture and Hay Planting	NG
595	Pest Management	NG
338	Prescribed Burning	NG
528*	Prescribed Grazing	
329*	Residue Management (No Till/Strip Till, Mulch Till & Ridge Till)	NG
344*	Residue Management, Seasonal	
585	Stripcropping	NG
660	Tree/Shrub Pruning	NG
633*	Waste Utilization	NG
731	Well Testing	NG

- * Indicates commonly utilized practices in New Hampshire
- ** These practices, Wetland Creation (658), Wetland Enhancement (659), Wetland Restoration (657) and Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644) may not constitute an undertaking in many situations. In other situations only a small area of ground within the project is disturbed and thus constitutes an undertaking. These different situations are described more specifically as:

1) Not an undertaking when:

- Wetland vegetation is managed without disturbance of the soil below the A or Ap horizon, or when
- Previously drained water is returned to a site without any ground disturbance;

2) Only a portion of the project is considered an undertaking in those areas where any ground disturbance below the A or Ap horizon will occur, such as excavation for ditch plugs, shallow impoundment, dams or dikes. It is not considered an undertaking in those areas where previously drained water is returned to the site.

The Cultural Resources Specialist will review all wetland projects where an undertaking is planned, including any areas traversed by heavy machinery.

The above listing is used to determine whether the **Practice Description Form for Cultural Resources Review** should be used when planning a conservation practice.